

Pharmacists (29-1051)

Occupation description: Dispense drugs prescribed by physicians and other health practitioners and provide information to patients about medications and their use. May advise physicians and other health practitioners on the selection, dosage, interactions, and side effects of medications.

Employment and Job Openings

	Average employment			Average annual openings		
	2010 estimate	2020 projection	Percent change	Growth	Replacement	Total
Alaska	367	459	25.1	9	10	19
United States	274,900	344,600	25.4	6,970	6,990	13,960

Job outlook

Alaska: Alaska's employment growth is robust with high employment opportunities. [Read more.](#)

2013 Wages ?

	Mean Wage and 95% Confidence Interval			Wage by Percentile		
	Low	Mean	High	10th	Median	90th
United States	n/a	56.01	n/a	42.79	57.35	70.84
Alaska	62.71	63.96	65.21	54.26	64.98	77.62
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area (MSA)	62.25	64.01	65.77	54.18	64.96	79.35
Fairbanks North Star Borough (MSA)	60.04	62.36	64.68	54.26	63.60	71.21
Southeast Region	56.96	60.39	63.82	49.36	62.30	71.31
Balance of State	64.07	66.41	68.75	59.22	67.05	80.91

Labor Force Indicators

2012 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
387	71	18.3	46.1	35.8

2012 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	42
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	23
UI claimants previously working in occupation	6

2012 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	26
Number of job position postings	111

Ratio of registrants to job position postings	0.2
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2011 Alaska Licensing Information

Pharmacist: 1,009 licensed
Pharmacy Intern: 353 licensed

Typical Entry-level Education, Experience, and/or On-the-job Training

Education: Doctoral or professional degree

Work experience: None

On-the-job training: None

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